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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Smallpox on the bark D. A. Small at New Bedford, Mass., from Cape de Verde Islands.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS., *May 19, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that bark *D. A. Small* arrived at this port on May 13, having left Cape de Verde Islands forty days before. Twenty-eight days before her arrival 1 of her passengers became ill with an eruptic disease. On her arrival at this port the case was diagnosed as smallpox by the quarantine officer and confirmed by another physician and myself. The crew and passengers were immediately vaccinated. At that time no other person on board showed any signs of illness. Since then, however, 1 child and 2 adults have come down with mild cases of smallpox. All four have been transferred to the smallpox hospital at this port and the vessel quarantined. There are about 70 persons on board of this small vessel and there appears to be a good chance that others may be infected.

Respectfully,

JOHN T. BULLARD,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Arrival at Reedy Island Quarantine of vessels from West Indian ports.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., May 19, 1901.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River, I have the honor to report the arrival at this station of the following vessels: May 13, 1901, Norwegian steamship *Vigsnaes*, from Gibara and Sama, with fruit; no passengers; bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. S. Gomez. May 14, 1901, British schooner *Margaret May Riley*, from Havana, with scrap iron; no passengers; bill of health signed by Surgeon Glennan. May 15, 1901, Norwegian steamship *Spero*, from Banes, with fruit; no passengers; bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. Benjamin A. Zayas. May 16, 1901, British steamship *Accomac*, from Daiquiri, with iron ore; no passengers; bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. Juan J. de Jough.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from West Indian and South American ports.

BALTIMORE, MD., *May 25, 1901.*

SIR: The following vessels arrived at this port during the week ended this day: May 20, British steamship *Glasgow*, Rio de Janeiro, ore; British steamship *Kennett*, Chivirico, Cuba, ore. May 21, British steam-

ship *Indianapolis*, Daiquiri, Cuba, ore. May 23, American barkentine *Frances*, Rio de Janeiro, coffee; American bark *Baltimore*, Rio de Janeiro, coffee; British steamship *Alabama*, Daiquiri, Cuba, ore; Norwegian steamship *Iberia*, Banes, Cuba, fruit.

Respectfully,

WM. F. STONE,
Collector.

Reports from the Mexican border.

Eagle Pass, Tex., May 20—Inspection service.—I have the honor to report that upon the 15th instant I took from the train here and placed in the detention camp 1 man, who was six days out of Vera Cruz, Mexico. His baggage, etc., was fumigated and the man placed in camp, where he remained, under observation, until ten days had elapsed since his leaving Vera Cruz. All suspicious baggage, etc., from City of Mexico is being disinfected, and the disinfection of all Pullman soiled linen continues daily.

No cases of typhus, or persons with symptoms of this disease, have as yet appeared at this station.

LEA HUME,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

El Paso, Tex., May 18, 1901—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit the following report of summary of work at the station for the week ended May 18, 1901: Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 138; inspection (special) passengers from City of Mexico, 29; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad passengers, 15; inspection of immigrants, 65; disinfection of clothing, blankets, etc., 50 pieces; disinfection cattle hides imported from Mexico, 450 pieces; disinfection soiled linen imported for laundry work, 317 pieces; disinfection Pullman soiled linen, 3,270 pieces; disinfection of baggage of passenger five days out from Tampico.

E. ALEXANDER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Laredo, Tex., May 5, 1901—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit the following report of inspection for week ended May 11, 1901: Passenger trains inspected entering from Mexico, 14; persons on trains entering from Mexico inspected, 437; immigrants inspected, 46; immigrants vaccinated, 11. May 8, placed 1 person in detention who was three days out from Vera Cruz, originally from Frontera; 1 trunk disinfected; Pullman Company linen disinfected, 3,793 pieces.

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

COLORADO—*Denver.*—Month of April, 1901. Estimated population, 136,000. Total number of deaths, 216, including diphtheria, 9; enteric fever, 2; scarlet fever, 11, and 47 from tuberculosis.

CONNECTICUT—*Bridgeport.*—Month of April, 1901. Census population, 70,996. Total number of deaths, 112, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 2, and 24 from tuberculosis.

Hartford.—Month of April, 1901. Estimated population, 79,950. Total number of deaths, 113, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 2, and 21 from phthisis pulmonalis.